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Addenda #2

Question : In section 4.11 of the general Instructions, the guidance regarding the number of pages for Volume I states, "...and it is recommended that Volume I be limited to 40 pages,..." The term "recommended" implies that if the bidder feels it is necessary to adequately describe his technical and management approach, some number of slides beyond 40 is permissible, would not be considered non-responsive, all information would be accepted/considered, and the offeror would be considered to be in compliance with the provisions of the RFP. Please confirm that this interpretation of what is implied is true.

Answer: The term recommended is just that, recommended. Therefore, presentations longer than 40 pages would not be considered non-responsive, but it is the opinion of the Source Evaluation Team that the information requested should not need exceed more than 40 pages.

Question: The specimen contract requires the contractor to perform services for electrical design, packaging, analysis and electronics subassembly along with mechanical fabrication, assembly, integration, inspection and testing. The Labor Categories included in the RFP cost instructions do not cover these activities.

Answer: Actually, the labor categories do cover these activities. Electronic packaging design at JPL is primarily done by mechanical engineers who have special skills relating to design of housings, chassis, and mechanisms for the housing and protection of electronic elements. The term "Electronic packaging design" as used in the RFP does not refer to the design work normally done by electronic engineers and designers (i.e. logic design, creation of schematic drawings, electrical design analyses such as timing and worst case), but does include the design of printed wiring boards from the schematic, design of frames and housings for the electronic modules, and analyses such as thermal, shock, and vibration.

Question: For the impromptu exercise, will the presenting team be allowed to contact resources not present at the meeting to help determine the technical approach? If so, what resources will be made available?

Answer: Yes, you will be allowed to contact resources not present at the meeting. However you will be strictly forbidden from contacting any JPL personnel. In the conference room there will be a telephone. You are also free to use cellular phones, but I cannot guarantee the signal strength on Lab. We will be providing a computer with Word, Excel and Power Point as well as a printer. If you would like to bring your own computer with wireless access that would be permissible also, but such equipment will not be provided. Nor will JPL provide a network hook-up.

I look forward to reading everyone's proposals.

Christine.